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INTRODUCTION

Over the past three months the members of the Hollywood Park (HP) Deer Control Committee (DCC) have been gathering information in order to enlighten not only the Mayor and City Council but also the members of our community with regards to the deer overpopulation issue facing Hollywood Park. The Mayor charged the committee with providing only factual information in keeping with Texas Parks and Wildlife (TP&W) Rules and Regulations for the handling of urban deer. The committee has also provided supporting information that will help everyone better understand the scope of our situation. With the help of accurate information, reliable expertise and a little common sense the 2003 Deer Control Committee presents its finding with recommendations to follow.

DEER CONTROL COMMITTEE

- Ascertain the existing and viable methods of deer control. Spell out what each method entails insofar as applicable time period for that procedure, what permits are required, cost factors, and number of deer that may be controlled by that method.
- Provide copies of applicable statutes, regulations, and other information used as research materials for each method of control.
- Provide a recommendation of method of deer control utilizing factors of number of deer affected, cost, and time taken to utilize the method.
- Consider presentation of material to City Council utilizing possible slide show, handouts, Powerpoint demonstration, or other method.

Please circle the number(s) of the item(s) that you feel you would like to work on or that you have expertise in. When we meet on Wednesday we will develop teams to work on those items. If I have missed something important please feel free to write it in.

1. Trap, Transport and Transplant (TTT)

We will need to gather info on professional trappers, equipment such as nets and release devices, possible, if we do some of this with volunteers we might need a trailer along with ideas of how to build pens.

We will also need places to take the deer. That means we will need to find ranchers who have enough land to take a trailer load at a time. They will need to be pre-approved by TWC.

2. Trap, Transport and Process(TTP)

All the items in the first paragraph above plus the need for processing. If we can find someone to take the deer on the hoof that will be even better.

3. Degradation

We will need to find professional hunters to come in and remove the deer by lethal means.

4. Volunteers

It may be possible depending on the councils decision to use volunteers to do a lot of the work. This will save untold thousands of dollars. We need to see if we have enough citizens to do the work.

5. I need someone to gather all of the info together, coordinate it, so that it can be Put into presentation form. I would like to do a power point if we can.

Please remember that all info gathered needs to be in written form so that there is no question about its validity. If you cant get the info in writing let me know immediately.

Thank you all so much for your help!

Will

Schedule of Livable Habitat for our Deer
City of Hollywood Park
December 10, 2003

The following facts were obtained from the Hollywood Park City Hall and the Bexar Co Appraisal District:

"Total" Acres in Hollywood Park = 900 Acres
Roadways included in HP = 130 Acres
Commercial Property included in HP = 100 Acres
(City Hall, Chester's, Shell Station, etc)
Total Residences/Houses = 1,164
Average Home Square Footage = 2,000 to 2,500 square feet
(Does not include detached buildings, pools,
tool sheds, basketball/tennis courts, etc)
Average Driveway size = 100 x 32 feet = 3,200 square feet
Backyard acres enclosed by high fences or guarded by dogs = unknown
43,560 square feet = one acre

"Acreage available to provide a livable habitat for our HP Deer"

	<u>Acres/Deer</u>
Total Acreage in Hollywood Park	900
Less Roadway Acreage	(130)
Less Commercial Property Acreage	(100)
Less 1,164 Residences/Houses at 2,250 average square feet = 2,619,000 square feet/43,560 square feet = 60 acres	(60)
Less 1,164 Residences x Average Driveway size at 3,200 square feet = 3,724,800 square feet/43,560 square feet = 85 acres	<u>(85)</u>
Net Acreage available to provide a livable habitat for our HP Deer	525
Texas Parks and Wildlife assessment of the number of Acres needed to sustain one deer is 20 "pristine" acres	<u>/ 20 =</u>
Number of <u>deer</u> that can be sustained in Hollywood Park	<u><u>26</u></u>

"Memorandum"

(900 Total Acres divided by 20 acres = 45 deer)

(Estimate of Hollywood Park Deer = approx. 600 to 800 Deer)

such person shall, upon conviction be punished by fine of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Each day a violation of any provisions of this article shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. No. 745, § 1, 10-29-02)

Secs. 4-71—4-89. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. DEER MANAGEMENT

Sec. 4-90. Deer management program.

(a) The town establishes a deer management program designed to control the deer population within the municipality. The city council, with due regards to the support and maintenance criteria prescribed by the Parks and Wildlife Division of the State of Texas, shall determine the number of deer to be controlled within its corporate boundaries by this program.

(b) The mayor and/or the project manager is authorized to implement and execute the deer management program in adherence to the currently, prescribed program, policy and procedure for the management of deer that is promulgated by the State of Texas Parks and Wildlife Division.

(1) There is hereby created for the town deer management program a position, entitled "project manager" and whose function, by direction of the mayor, is to implement and execute the town deer management program in adherence to the currently, prescribed program, policy and procedure for the management of deer that is promulgated by the state parks and wildlife division. The position of "project manager" is subject to, but not limited to the following:

- a. The mayor, upon the advice and consent of the city council, may employ for a fixed or indefinite term a person that is competent and experienced in the field of managing deer populations within municipalities.
- b. The project manager shall be directly accountable to the mayor and, unless otherwise contracted in writing, the project manager shall serve at the will of the mayor. The mayor, either with or without cause and, upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the project manager, may terminate the service of the project manager.
- c. The annual monetary compensation for the position of project manager, unless otherwise approved by the city council and established by ordinance, shall in no event exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00).
- d. The project manager responsibilities shall address and coordinate all issues related to or that may be associated with the deer overpopulation problem including but not limited to:
 1. The preparation of all state parks and wildlife related documentation;
 2. Identifying trapping cites within the municipality;

3. Coordinating the trapping of deer;
4. Planning seminars and lectures on deer management; and
5. Preparation and presentation of progress reports to the mayor and city council.

(c) The mayor and/or the project manager shall report to the city council annually and, as often thereafter as shall be deemed necessary to inform the city council of the current activity, progress, and effectiveness of the deer management program within the municipality.

(d) The mayor and/or the project manager shall cause a census of the deer population within the town to be conducted on an annual basis by personnel recognized by the state parks and wildlife division to be competent and experienced in conducting a census of deer within a municipality. The written results of the census shall be reported to the mayor and kept on file at the City Hall. An interested party, upon written request and the payment of the cost of duplicating the written census report, shall be entitled to a copy of the report.

(e) The trapping, removal and relocation of deer shall conform to all regulations and guidelines promulgated by the parks and wildlife division of the state.

(f) The mayor and/or the project manager, upon advice and consent of the city council, shall:

- (1) Determine the number of deer to be trapped and removed from the town;
- (2) Select the personnel qualified by the state parks and wildlife division to trap the deer;
- (3) Determine the proper time to trap the deer; and
- (4) Select a recipient qualified by the state parks and wildlife division to receive the deer. The selected recipient shall be subject to the following condition:
 - a. The recipient must pay all the expenses associated with the trapping, removal and relocation of the deer from the town.

(g) The city council shall annually review this deer management program and determine its efficacy and the necessity of continuing the deer management program.

(Ord. No. 673, 4-20-99; Ord. No. 707, 5-15-01; Ord. No. 717, 10-23-01; Ord. No. 746, § 1, 10-29-02)

Note—See the editor's note to § 4-43.

Sec. 4-91. Feeding of deer on public and privately owned property prohibited;

(a) *Feeding prohibited.*

- (1) No person shall purposefully feed or provide food (as herein described) through a ground-feeding station, salt lick, or by any other means to the wild deer on (a) public property, (b) privately owned property, (c) public or private easements such as drainage and roadway easements, or (d) any other privately owned land of any description within the town.

- (2) For the purposes of this section, a deer shall be deemed to be wild unless it is legally kept in an enclosed barn, fence, or other structure on private property sufficient to prevent the deer from leaving the confines of such enclosed area.
- (3) A person shall be deemed to have purposely fed or caused deer to be fed if the person places wheat, pelleted livestock food, corn in any form, fruit, vegetables, hay or alfalfa, human food scraps, any form of commercially sold wildlife feed, birdseed or livestock feed or any other edible matter that deer will consume (not including live vegetation such as ornamental landscaping, ornamental bushes, or flowers) on the ground, or within reach of deer or by any other means.
- (4) The prohibition shall not apply to any peace officer, animal control officer, other agent of the town, acting pursuant to the town deer management program.

(b) *Restricted access to deer control activities site.*

- (1) Access to sites owned, leased or lawfully used by the town, for purposes of deer trapping and relocation efforts pursuant to this section shall be restricted to the public during all times that trapping or destruction is occurring. Notices shall be posted providing reasonable warning of such activities and the restriction on access to the area. In the event that any unauthorized person gains access to the site of any deer control activities herein described, any police officer, animal control officer or other agent of the town engaged in such deer control activities is authorized to notify such person of any restriction on access to the site and order such person to immediately leave the area of deer control activities.
- (2) The area of restricted access shall be limited to a reasonable area and distance, taking into consideration the particular activity and the danger attendant with such activity, the public or private status of the affected property, the need for the conditions necessary to attract deer, and the health and safety of the public. The town shall be the sole determiner of the area of restricted access. The town's decision shall be final and shall not be the subject of appeal.
- (3) Access to a site of deer control activities may be restricted at such time that any of the following conditions exist:
 - a. Trap or bait sites have been made ready for use;
 - b. Food or other materials designed and intended to attract deer to a site are put into place.

(c) *Penalties.*

- (1) A person who violates any provision of subsection (a) is punishable by a fine of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
- (2) A person who enters a restricted area in which deer control activities are occurring, or who refuses to leave such area when notice of restricted access has been given to such

person, either by the presence of sufficient signage or by verbal notice provided by an agent of the town, is punishable by a fine of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

(3) Each day of violation of any provision of this section is a separate and distinct offense. (Ord. No. 728, §§ 1—4, 4-16-02; Ord. No. 728, §§ 1—3, 4-16-02; Ord. No. 752, 12-17-02)

Note—See the editor's note to § 4-44.

